the Ministry would also provide support for the preparation of material for training programmes that would necessarily follow Activity Mapping in States.

iv. Fact sheets furnished by States on Activity mapping and details of innovations and best practices will be disseminated on the National Panchayat Portal.

DG Hydrocarbons in ONGC Board

1470. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has not agreed to have the Director General of Hydrocarbons on its Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the final decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Director General of Hydrocarbons (DGH), who provides technical and regulatory assistance to the Government on upstream matters, was nominated by the Government as a Director on the Board of Directors of ONGC. However, ONGC objected to the nomination of the DGH on the ground of conflict of interest associated with DGH's functions relating to upstream companies. After considering all relevant factors, and in consultation with the Ministry of Law and Justice, the nomination of DGH to the Board of Directors of ONGC was withdrawn.

Private participation in strategic storage of Oil and Gas

1471. SHRIMATI N.R DURGA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan before Government to create strategic storage capacity for oil and gas;

(b) if so, what is the expected investment required;

(c) whether Government have any plan to take the help of private people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?